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during the year 1970

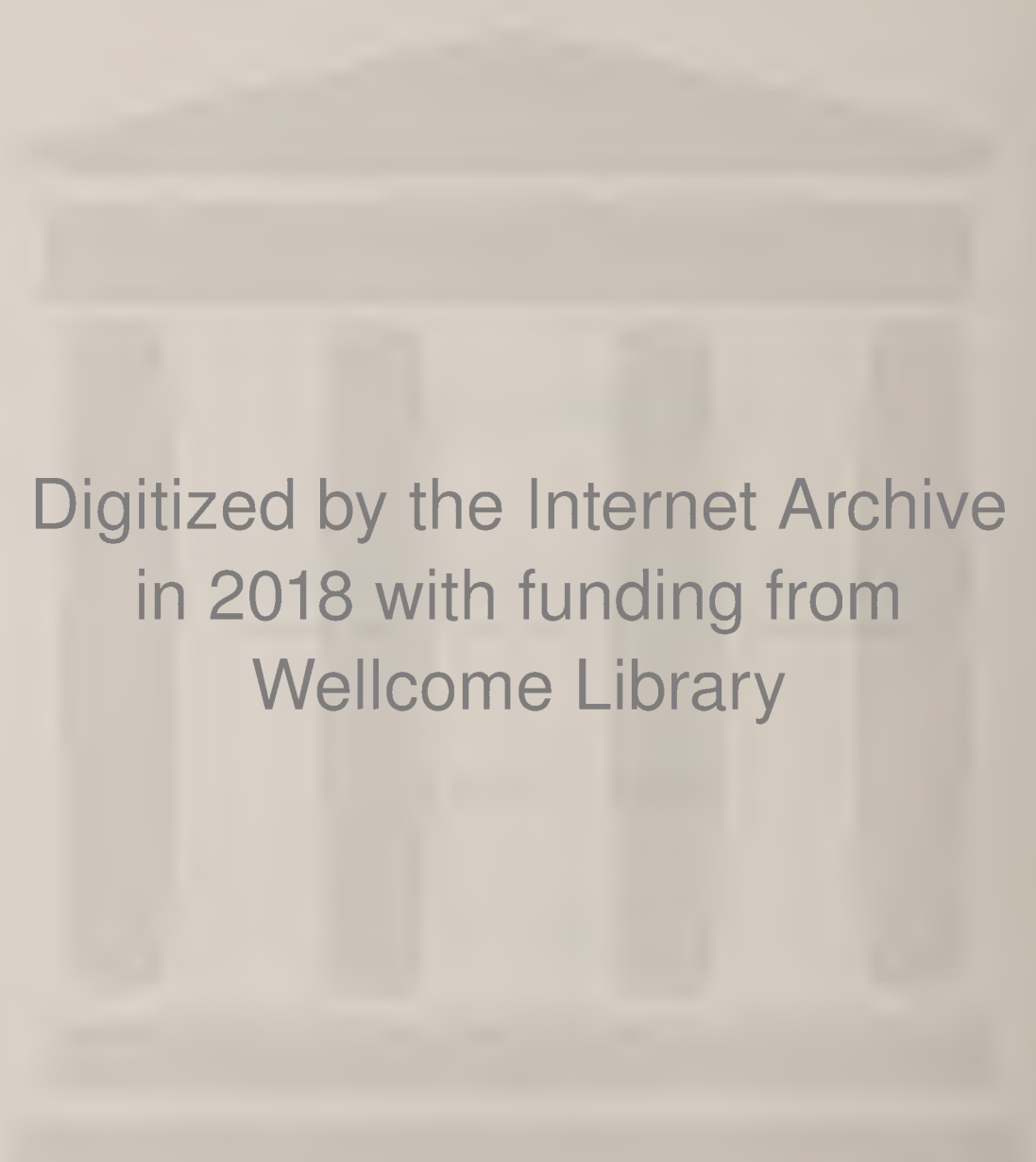
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STROOD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL
OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1970

To the Chairman and Members of the
Strood Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

This year, 1970, has been favoured by the title "EUROPEAN CONSERVATION YEAR". During the past decade people have gradually become aware that improving technology with a higher standard of living has not always proved beneficial in the ultimate. Pollution of the environment from smoke, dust or engine fumes has been a common occurrence over the years and more recently the hazard of oil slicks has vied for the newspaper headlines with sewage pollution or danger from chemical pesticides.

No doubt some may think after perusing the deliberations of the international conference held to highlight the need for "EUROPEAN CONSERVATION YEAR" that environmental pollution is a new discovery.

For many years the Council of this District has shown a growing awareness of the need to remain alert to possible contamination of the rural environment from the encroachment of industry. The frequent contact which its' officers make with management and their subsequent report has ensured that the Council Members are kept informed.

Dust nuisance arising from the manufacture of cement is a constant topic of debate in the Health Committee even though no hazard to community health has ever been connected. From membership of the Thames-side Committee for the Abatement of Atmospheric Pollution regular meeting with the Government's Alkali Inspectorate and attendance at professional conferences, the officers of the Health Department try to keep abreast of current problems of environmental pollution.

STATISTICS

POPULATION

44,740

The Registrar General's mid year estimate was 1,310 in excess of the previous year's figure.

TOTAL LIVE BIRTHS

772

This was 76 less than the previous year's total and continues the trend of the fall in births which was first noticed some 2 years ago.

BIRTH RATE

15.2 per 1,000
Population

The birth rate after application of the comparability factor showed that the rate for the district had fallen below the National average of 16.0.

ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS

32

This was 13 less than the previous year's total. As a percentage of the total births it gave a figure of 4, being just one half of the figure of 8 for England and Wales.

No illegitimate children died during the first year of life.

TOTAL STILL-BIRTHS

3

The still-birth rate was 4.0 per 1,000 total births (live and still) and this very favourable figure should be viewed in its' proper context.

When dealing with a small population the likelihood of fluctuation from year to year should be kept in mind. The figure for England and Wales was 13.0.

INFANT MORTALITY TOTAL DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR

18

The infant mortality rate was 17 per 1,000 live births as compared with 18.0 for England and Wales. Included in the total number of deaths were 7 who died within the first month of life.

PERINATAL MORTALITY TOTAL

10

This figure combines the Still-Births and Neonatal deaths during the first week of life and is regarded as a measure of the hazard of child birth and genetic influences during intrauterine growth. The rate is calculated on the total births (live and still) and gave a figure of 13.0 as compared to the National average of 23.0.

DEATH RATE
TOTAL DEATHS

315

After applying the comparability factor the Death Rate per 1,000 population was 10.5 as compared to 11.7 for England and Wales.

The main causes of death followed the usual pattern:-

	<u>Total</u>
(a) Degenerative Disease of the Circulatory System	147 = 46.7%
(b) Cancer (all forms) (included within this figure are 12 male and 4 female deaths due to Carcinoma of the Lung)	68 = 21.6%
(c) Diseases of the Respiratory System	54 = 17.1%

VIOLENT DEATHS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Accidents (motor)	2	1
All other accidents	2	1
Suicide	-	2

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

MEASLES

288 notifications of this disease were received. Peak incidence occurred during the spring. The notifications were more than double last year's figure and indicate that a large number of parents are still failing to submit their children for protective inoculation against this infection. It appears that there is still a need to alert parents to the protective value of the vaccine which can give specific cover.

SCARLET FEVER

6 notifications were received.

INFECTIVE JAUNDICE

Only 4 notifications were received being a dramatic fall from the previous year's total of 112.

Single cases of Meningitis, Whooping Cough and Food Poisoning occurred.

TUBERCULOSIS

The total number remaining on the register at the end of the year was 117 being 2 more than the total at the same time in the previous year. 4 new notifications of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were received. There were no deaths attributed to Tuberculosis.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

HOUSING

No clearance areas were referred to the Health Committee. 10 demolition orders were made under Section 16 of the Housing Act 1957 and 4 undertakings were given by owners in relation to unfit property not to be re-let for human habitation; one house was subsequently made fit.

HYGIENE

The total number of dwelling houses in the area of the District Council now totals 13,226 being an increase of 234 over the previous year's figure.

Four out of every five houses in the district are connected to the public sewer which is a very high figure for a rural area - the actual total being 10,727.

2,499 are connected to cesspools for which the Council provide 5 free emptyings yearly. Pail closets are still in use at 92 properties, being a reduction of 17 from the previous year's total. A decade ago (1960) the figure stood at 275.

Privies total 5 but their end is in sight as 4 of the properties they serve are covered by demolition orders or closing orders and the fifth is occupied by an old person who does not wish to be disturbed.

WATER SUPPLIES

The Medway Water Board are responsible for mains water supply throughout the district with the exception of the parish of Halling supplied by Mid Kent Water Company. Apart from 14 on private supply (roof rainwater collection) mains water supply is universal to all homes. 29 properties are on standpipes.

FOOD HYGIENE

Work in connection with the preparation of food and its sale for human consumption either in canteen, restaurant or shop continues to occupy a considerable part of the time of the Public Health Inspectorate, being instrumental in maintaining a high standard of hygiene in food premises on the district. A total of 563 visits were made to food establishments of one kind or another and the one small private slaughterhouse was covered by 100% meat inspection.

STAFF

Continuing growth of clerical work necessitated the recruitment of a Junior Clerk and Miss C.F. Yianni commenced duty on 15th June, 1970. Mr. G. Finch was appointed as Pupil Public Health Inspector on 1st September, 1970. Otherwise, the full time staff of -

- 1 Chief Public Health Inspector
 - 1 Senior Public Health Inspector
 - 2 Additional Public Health Inspectors
 - 1 Clerk
 - 1 Rodent Officer /General Assistant
- remained unchanged.

CONCLUSION

Each year the task of preparing the detail contained in this report is undertaken by Miss K.V. Merry and to her I readily record my thanks.

The County Medical Officer provides statistics relating to vaccination and immunisation and to him and to other Chief Officers who have provided information on request I am indebted.

Finally I thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their interest in the work of the Department.

Yours respectfully,

L.F. McWILLIAMS

Medical Officer of Health

Council Offices,
Frindsbury Hill,
Strood, Rochester,
Kent.

MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH COMMITTEE

1969/70

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Cllr. Mrs. E.M. Whitebread
Cllr. Lt.Col. E.T.L. Baker
Cllr. R.J. Black
Cllr. R.W. Dunderdale

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Vice-Chairman of the Council

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(Vice-Chairman)

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Cllr. W.J.H. Nightingale

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Cllr. R.C. Gawler

Clerk of the Council:

S.W. Stanford

Solicitors:

Messrs. Arnold, Tuff & Grimwade

STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Medical Officer of Health:

L.F. McWilliams, M.C., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.
(Part time appointment in association with the
Borough of Chatham and City of Rochester)

Deputy Medical Officer of Health:

C.D. Rosenwald, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., (Died November, 1970)
(Part time appointment in association with
Gillingham, Rochester, Chatham, Sittingbourne,
Sheppey, Faversham and Swale)

Chief Public Health Inspector:

G. Wilson, Cert. R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Senior Public Health Inspector:

D.W. Horncastle, Cert.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

District Public Health Inspectors:

D.J. Ainsley, Dip.P.H.I.E.B., M.A.P.H.I.
P.G. Hill, Dip.P.H.I.E.B., M.A.P.H.I.

Pupil Public Health Inspector:

G. Finch, (commenced 1st September, 1970)

Rodent Officer and General Assistant:

C.D. Uden

Clerks:

Miss K.V. Merry (Senior)
Miss C.F. Yianni (commenced 15th June, 1970)

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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

VITAL STATISTICS

1970

Area of the district.....	48,435 acres
Estimated mid year Resident Population.....	44,740
Number of inhabited houses.....	13,226
Rateable value at 1st April, 1970.....	£2,847,041
1st April, 1969.....	£2,684,710
1st April, 1968.....	£2,591,689
Sum represented by Penny Rate 1st April, 1970.....	£28,099
1st April, 1969.....	£11,038
1st April, 1968.....	£10,668
Total births (live and still).....	775
Live births.....	772
Birth Rate (after comparability factor applied).....	15.2
Rate for England and Wales.....	16.0
Still-births.....	3
Still-birth Rate.....	4.00
Rate for England and Wales.....	13.00
Illegitimate Births.....	32
Illegitimate Birth Rate.....	4.0
Rate for England and Wales.....	8.0
Deaths.....	315
Death Rate (after comparability factor applied).....	10.5
Rate for England and Wales.....	11.7
Infant Mortality Rate.....	17.0
Rate for England and Wales.....	18.0

INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS IN THE STROOD RURAL DISTRICT

WHERE 20 OR MORE PERSONS ARE EMPLOYED

Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers Ltd.,	... Cliffe	... Cement
Berry Wiggins & Co.Ltd.,	... Hoo St.Werburgh	... Oil refinery
BP Refinery (Kent) Ltd.,	... Isle of Grain	... Oil refinery
British Basket & Besto Co.Ltd.,	... Cuxton	... Basket making
British Ceca Ltd.,	... Frindsbury Extra	... Activated charcoal
British Uralite Ltd.,	... Higham	... Asbestos cement
Burnett & Rolfe Ltd.,	... Frindsbury Extra	... Brewery and Dairy plant
Leeming & Co.(Cobham) Ltd.,	... Cobham	... Paints & Varnishes
London & Rochester Trading Co.,	... Frindsbury Extra	... Tarpauling & sails, barge repairs
J.J. Maybank (Strood) Ltd.,	... Frindsbury Extra	... Waste paper recovery
Medway Buildings Ltd.,	... Frindsbury Extra	... Timber buildings
Medway Welding Ltd.,	... Hoo St. Werburgh	... Welding
Rugby Portland Cement Co.Ltd.,	... Halling	... Cement
Sitecast Ltd.,	... Hoo St.Werburgh	... Prefabricated concrete buildings
South Eastern Gas Board	... Isle of Grain	... Gas from oil
Sunthorn Ltd.,	... Hoo St.Werburgh	... Plastic sheeting
Turner, King & Shephard Ltd.,	... Cuxton	... Paints, etc.
Tyler Boat Co.,	... Hoo St.Werburgh	... Boat Building
Waller Engineering Ltd.,	... Meopham	... Light engineering

CAUSES OF DEATH

(as notified by General Register Office, Somerset House)

	Under 4 weeks		4 weeks and under one year		1-4		5-14		15-24		25-34		35-44		45-54		55-64		65-74		75 and over	
	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f
Enteritis & other Diarrhoeal Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cancer - Buccal cavity, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cancer - Oesophagus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cancer - Stomach	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cancer - Intestine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cancer - Lung, Bronchus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cancer - Breast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cancer - Uterus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cancer - Prostate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Leukaemia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diabetes Mellitus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Multiple Sclerosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other diseases of nervous system	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hypertensive disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ischaemic Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other forms of Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebrovascular Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other diseases of Circulatory System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Influenza	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bronchitis and Emphysema	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other diseases of Respiratory System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
C/Fwd.	-	-	2	3	1	1	1	-	3	-	1	-	6	3	10	5	34	19	42	50	69	-

CAUSES OF DEATH - continued

	Under 4 weeks		4 weeks and under one year		1-4		5-14		15-24		25-34		35-44		45-54		55-64		65-74		75 and over	
	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f
B/Pwd.	-	-	2	3	1	1	1	-	-	3	1	-	6	3	10	5	34	19	42	26	50	69
Peptic Ulcer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Cirrhosis of Liver	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Other diseases of Digestive System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Other diseases, Genito-Urinary System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	2
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Congenital anomalies	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birth injury, difficult labour, etc.	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other causes of perinatal mortality	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Symptoms and ill defined conditions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
All other accidents	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTAL	4	3	3	3	2	1	1	-	4	-	2	1	6	3	10	6	36	22	45	29	56	78

ANALYSIS OF AGE GROUPS OF DEATHS OCCURRING DURING 1970

PARISH	AGE GROUPS										
	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under one year	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 and over
Allhallows	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	1
Cliffe	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	4	8	14
Cobham	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	3	5
Cooling	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cuxton	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	2	4	8
Frindsbury Ex.	3	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	6	5	21
Halling	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	2	3	9	14
Higham	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	6	10	11
High Halstow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Hoo St. Werburgh	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	9	14	17
Isle of Grain	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	1	3
Luddesdown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Meopham	2	1	1	-	-	1	-	4	17	12	19
St. Mary Hoo	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shorne	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	5	14
Stoke	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	2	3
TOTALS	7	6	3	1	4	3	9	16	57	75	132
Percentage of Total Deaths	2.24%	1.92%	.96%	.32%	1.28%	.96%	2.87%	5.11%	18.21%	23.96%	42.17%

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS
DISEASES AND OTHER DISEASES

Tabulated statement of cases notified in each Parish:

PARISH	Tuberculosis		Scarlet Fever	Acute Meningitis	Measles	Infective Jaundice	Whooping Cough	Food Poisoning
	Pulmonary	Non- Pulmonary						
Allhallows	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-
Gliffe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cobham	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-
Cooling	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cuxton	-	-	-	-	54	-	-	-
Frindsbury Extra	1	-	3	-	35	-	-	1
Halling	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
Higham	2	-	1	-	48	-	1	-
High Halstow	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	-
Hoo St. Werburgh	-	-	-	-	75	2	-	-
Isle of Grain	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-
Luddesdown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meopham	-	-	-	1	12	1	-	-
St. Mary Hoo	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Shorne	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stoke	1	-	-	-	32	-	-	-
TOTAL	4	-	6	1	288	4	1	1

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS
DISEASES AND OTHER DISEASES

Tabulated statement of cases notified in each month
of 1970:

PARISH	Tuberculosis		Scarlet Fever	Acute Meningitis	Measles	Infective Jaundice	Whooping Cough	Food Poisoning
	Pulmonary	Non- Pulmonary						
January	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	-
February	-	-	-	-	71	1	-	-
March	-	-	4	1	24	1	-	-
April	-	-	1	-	31	1	-	-
May	1	-	1	-	74	-	-	-
June	1	-	-	-	39	-	-	-
July	-	-	-	-	19	-	-	1
August	1	-	-	-	5	1	-	-
September	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
October	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
November	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
December	1	-	-	-	10	-	1	-
TOTAL	4	-	6	1	288	4	1	1

TUBERCULOSIS

Statement of particulars appearing on
Register of Notifications of Tuberculosis
for the year ended 31st December, 1970

	PULMONARY			NON-PULMONARY			PULMONARY AND NON-PULMONARY
	M	F	TOTAL	M	F	TOTAL	
(a) No. of cases on register at the commencement of year	37	44	81	20	14	34	115
(b) No. of cases notified under the Regulations for the first time	2	2	4	-	-	-	4
(c) No. of cases restored to register	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Other additions during the year	4	1	5	-	-	-	5
(e) No. of cases removed from register during the year	3	3	6	-	1	1	7
(f) No. of cases remaining on register at the end of the year	40	44	84	20	13	33	117

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

The following table shows the figures for 1970 based on the return sent to the Department of Health and Social Security

YEAR OF BIRTH	PRIMARY						
	Triple Antigen	Diphtheria Tetanus	Small pox	Tetanus	Measles	Polio- myelitis	Rubella
1970	5	-	-	-	-	10	-
1969	451	11	} 286	-	-	148	438
1968	162	6		-	-	169	69
1967	3	2	-	-	63	21	-
1966	1	-	-	-	45	5	-
1965	-	1	-	1	29	-	-
1963 - 1964	-	1	-	-	13	-	-
1954 - 1962	1	-	-	24	12	-	107
TOTALS	623	21	286	25	479	543	107

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

The following table shows the figures for 1970
based on the return sent to the Department of
Health and Social Security

YEAR OF BIRTH	RE-INFORCING				
	Triple Antigen	Diphtheria Tetanus	Small- pox	Tetanus	Polio- myelitis
1970	-	-	-	-	-
1969	12	1	-	-	-
1968	102	69	-	3	-
1967	44	47	-	-	-
1966	3	32	-	-	38
1965	41	326	-	1	363
1963 - 1964	20	71	-	2	123
1954 - 1962	8	13	28	49	15
TOTALS	230	559	28	55	539

WATER SUPPLIES

At the request of the Ministry of Health, Circular 1/70 the following comments are recorded:-

All parishes except Halling are provided with a public water supply operated by the Medway Water Board. Halling Parish is supplied by Mid Kent Water Company.

The water has proved to be satisfactory, both in quantity and quality to meet the needs of the resident domestic population and 37 bacteriological and 2 chemical samples were taken during the year. Supplied from wells both within and outside the Rural District, the hardness of the water ranged between 300 and 310 parts per million.

The chemical analyses are shown on pages 12 and 13.

The water is not liable to have plumbo-solvent action.

The table below shows the details of supply to dwelling houses in each parish of the Rural District.

PARISH	No. of Houses Surveyed	No. of Houses Indoor Water Supply	No. of Houses with Stand- Pipes	No. of Houses with Public Supply	No. of Houses on private supply Wells and Springs
Allhallows	200	200	-	200	-
Cliffe	952	936	16	952	-
Cobham	490	490	-	490	-
Cooling	53	53	-	53	-
Cuxton	969	969	-	969	-
Frindsbury Extra	1,791	1,791	-	1,791	-
Halling	724	724	-	723	1
Higham	1,361	1,360	1	1,361	-
High Halstow	325	325	-	324	1
Hoo St. Werburgh	2,188	2,188	-	2,186	2
Isle of Grain	528	525	3	528	-
Luddesdown	82	82	-	81	1
Meopham	2,274	2,271	3	2,267	7
St. Mary Hoo	65	65	-	65	-
Shorne	882	879	3	880	2
Stoke	342	339	3	342	-
TOTALS	13,226	13,197	29	13,212	14
Percentage of Totals		99.78%	.22%	99.89%	.11%

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF WATER SUPPLIES

Address:- 11, Formby Terrace, Halling.

Physical Characters: Colour Clear

Odour None

Deposit None pH 7.2

CHEMICAL EXAMINATION (Results expressed in parts per million)

Solids in Suspension	(Dried at 100°C).....	---
Solids in Solution	(Dried at 180°C).....	410
Solids in Solution	(after ignition).....	370
Chlorides as Chlorine.....		15
Carbonate Hardness	as CaCO ₃	225
Non-Carbonate Hardness	as CaCO ₃	85
Total Hardness	as CaCO ₃	310
Total Alkalinity	as CaCO ₃	225
Ammoniacal Nitrogen.....		None detected
Albuminoid Nitrogen.....		0.02
Nitrate Nitrogen.....		3.00
Nitrite Nitrogen.....		None detected
Oxygen absorbed in 15 minutes at 27°C.....		0.10
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours at 27°C.....		0.15
Dissolved Oxygen.....		---
Biochemical oxygen demand.....		---
Fluoride.....		---
Toxic metals - Lead.....		None detected
Residual Chlorine - Free.....		---
Residual Chlorine - Combined.....		---

OPINION: Satisfactory

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF WATER SUPPLIES

Address:- 150, Bells Lane, Hoo St. Werburgh.

Physical Characters: Colour Clear

Odour None

Deposit None pH 7.0

CHEMICAL EXAMINATION (Results expressed in parts per million)

Solids in Suspension	(Dried at 100°C).....	---
Solids in Solution	(Dried at 180°C).....	365
Solids in Solution	after ignition.....	345
Chlorides as Chlorine.....		20
Carbonate hardness	as CaCO ₃	265
Non-Carbonate Hardness	as CaCO ₃	35
Total Hardness	as CaCO ₃	300
Total Alkalinity	as CaCO ₃	265
Ammoniacal Nitrogen.....		None detected
Albuminoid Nitrogen.....		None detected
Nitrate Nitrogen.....		1.5
Nitrite Nitrogen.....		None detected
Oxygen absorbed in 15 minutes at 27°C.....		0.05
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours at 27°C.....		0.10
Dissolved oxygen.....		---
Biochemical oxygen demand.....		---
Fluoride.....		---
Toxic metals - Lead.....		None detected
Residual Chlorine - Free.....		---
Residual Chlorine - Combined.....		---

OPINION: Satisfactory

SWIMMING POOLS

There are no public swimming pools within the Rural District but a number of pools have been installed at schools mainly for the purpose of teaching young children to swim.

Advice and help has been given, where required, regarding purification of the water.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Collection and disposal of domestic refuse

Refuse is collected weekly throughout the district from the rear of premises by means of the paper sack method.

After collection refuse is disposed of by means of controlled tipping in a disused chalk pit situated within the boundaries of the City of Rochester, and the tip is treated regularly to prevent rat infestation, and insecticides are applied during the summer period to prevent the breeding of flies and other insects.

Cesspool and pail closet emptying

With the exception of those areas in which a public sewer is provided cesspools are emptied, upon request, free of charge up to a maximum of five times per year. In the case of shared cesspools (2 or more houses connected to one cesspool), five emptyings per house are allowed.

Pail closets are emptied weekly in the Parishes of Hoo St. Werburgh, Isle of Grain and Allhallows and twice per week in the Parish of Stoke.

A total of 92 houses have pail closets and 5 have privies.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES SURVEY OF RURAL DISTRICT

Sanitary Accommodation

PARISH	No. of Houses Surveyed	Water Closets	Pail Closets	Privies
Allhallows	200	199	1	-
Cliffe	952	938	14	-
Cobham	490	484	6	-
Cooling	53	53	-	-
Cuxton	969	969	-	-
Frindsbury Extra	1,791	1,778	13	-
Halling	724	724	-	-
Higham	1,361	1,357	1	3
High Halstow	325	317	8	-
Hoo St. Werburgh	2,188	2,181	7	-
Isle of Grain	528	518	10	-
Luddesdown	82	77	5	-
Meopham	2,274	2,262	10	2
St. Mary Hoo	65	61	4	-
Shorne	882	880	2	-
Stoke	342	331	11	-
TOTALS	13,226	13,129	92	5

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES SURVEY OF RURAL DISTRICT

Drainage facilities

PARISH	No. of Houses Surveyed	No. of Houses connected to Public Sewer	No. of Houses draining to Cesspools, Septic tanks, etc.
Allhallows	200	181	19
Cliffe	952	307	645
Cobham	490	426	64
Cooling	53	-	53
Cuxton	969	943	26
Frindsbury Extra	1,791	1,632	159
Halling	724	713	11
Higham	1,361	1,121	240
High Halstow	325	269	56
Hoo St. Werburgh	2,188	2,086	102
Isle of Grain	528	482	46
Luddesdown	82	39	43
Meopham	2,274	1,534	740
St. Mary Hoo	65	-	65
Shorne	882	679	203
Stoke	342	315	27
TOTALS	13,226	10,727	2,499

HOUSING

During the year the number of houses built by the District Council was 99 and by private enterprise 292 making a total of 391 dwellings.

The following is the position regarding applicants for Council houses at the 31st December, 1970.

Allhallows.....	37	High Halstow.....	11
Cliffe.....	39	Hoo St. Werburgh.....	185
Cobham.....	18	Isle of Grain.....	20
Cooling.....	4	Luddesdown.....	2
Cuxton.....	28	Meopham.....	105
Frindsbury Extra.....	181	St. Mary Hoo.....	5
Halling.....	28	Shorne.....	21
Higham.....	72	Stoke.....	22

CURRENT SLUM CLEARANCE PROGRAMME 1966 - 1970

The position at the end of 1970 was:-

(a) Total No. of Houses on list.....	349
(b) Total No. of Houses dealt with by Department.....	223
(c) Total No. of Houses awaiting action.....	126
(d) Total No. of Houses demolished.....	61
(e) Total No. of Houses vacant awaiting demolition.....	88
(f) Total No. of Houses made fit or used as store.....	7
(g) Total No. of Houses still occupied.....	193

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Section 47

No action was taken under this Section of the Act for the removal of persons in need of care and attention.

Section 50

It was necessary to arrange the cremation of one person under the provisions of the above Section of the Act at a total cost of £40. A death grant of £15 was received from the Ministry of Social Security and the balance of £25 was received from the estate of the deceased.

CONFERENCES AND COURSES

CONFERENCE OR COURSE	PLACE HELD	DATE	ATTENDED BY:-
One day conference "Assault on the Environment"	London	21st January	Dr. McWilliams
Weekend School	Canterbury	3rd-5th April	Mr. Horncastle Mr. Ainsley
Society of Medical Officers of Health Symposium	London	28th & 29th May	Dr. McWilliams
Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene Conference	Cheltenham	1st - 4th September	Dr. McWilliams
Association of Public Health Inspectors Conference	Blackpool	14th - 18th September	Mr. Wilson
Royal Society of Health International Conference	Edinburgh	21st - 25th September	Dr. McWilliams
One day conference Chest and Heart	London	20th October	Dr. McWilliams
Clean Air Conference	Southport	20th - 23rd October	Mr. Wilson
One day Conference "Reconstruction of Local Government & Social Services"	London	26th November	Mr. Horncastle Dr. McWilliams
Royal Society of Health One Day Conference on "Radiation"	London	10th December	Dr. McWilliams

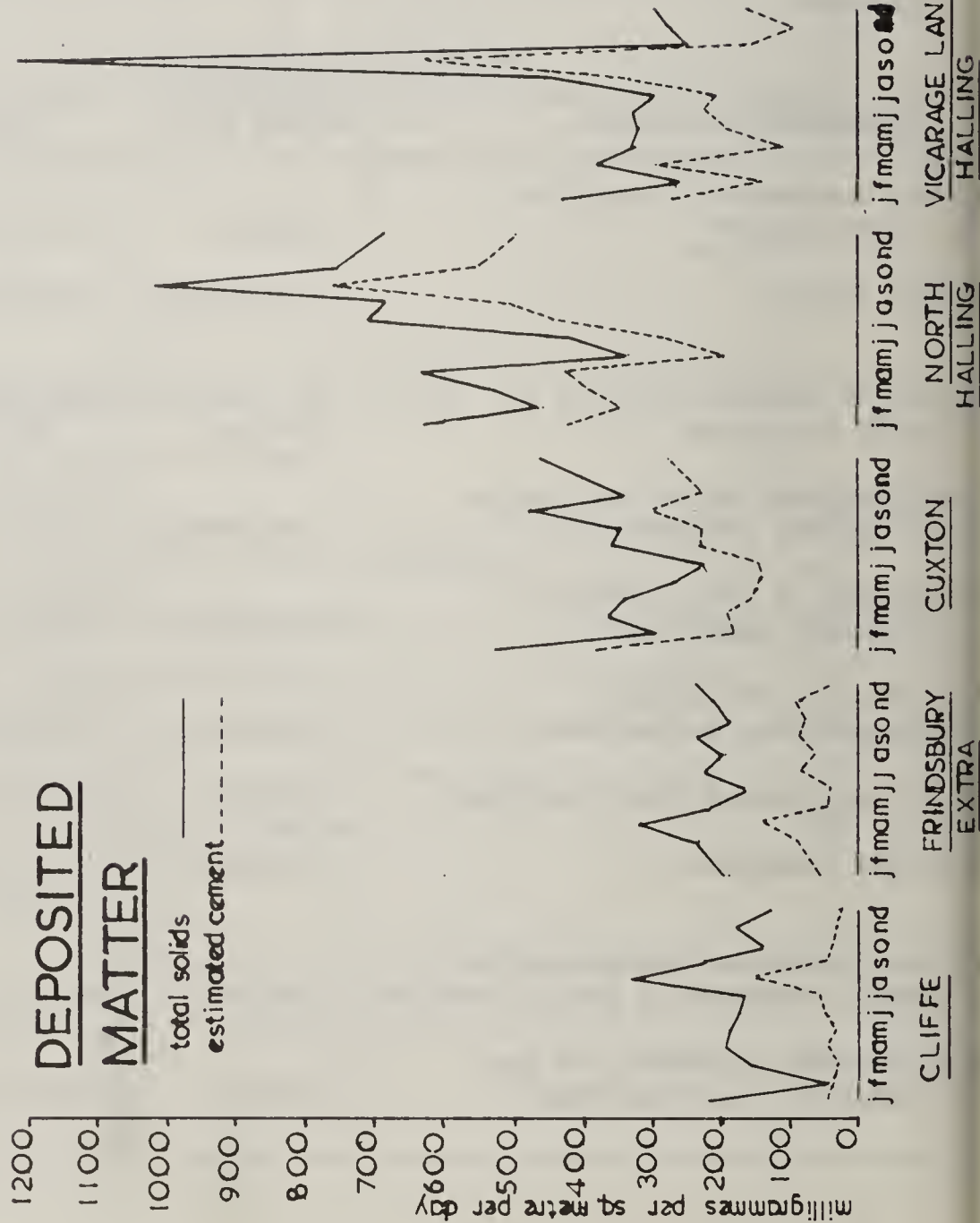
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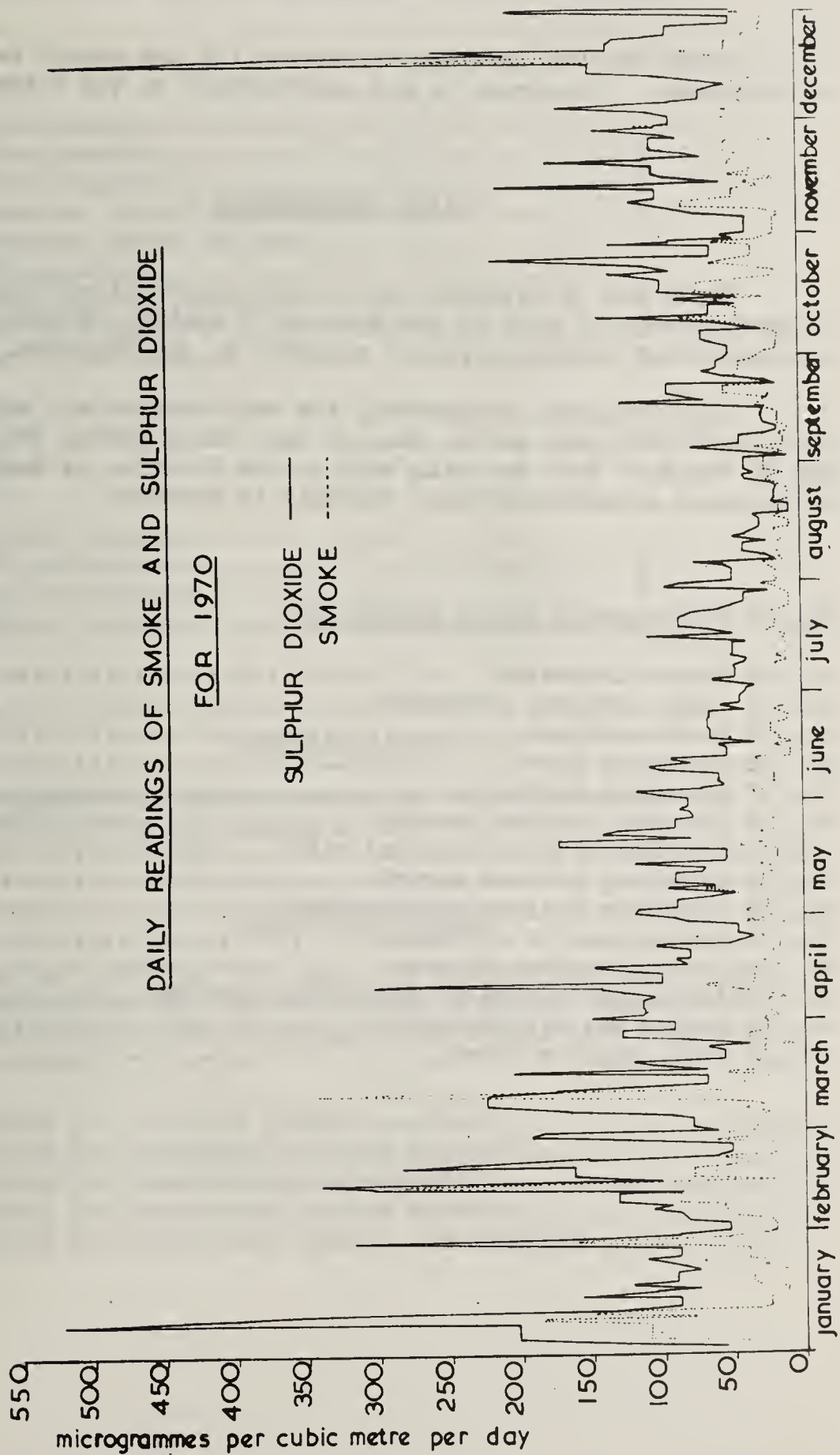


DEPOSITED

MATTER

total solids —
estimated cement - - -





ICE-CREAM

There are 112 premises registered for the retail sale of ice-cream. Ice-cream is not manufactured on the district.

MILK DISTRIBUTORS

There are 38 retailers and 2 producer/retailers registered as distributors of milk in the area and 3 dealers retailing in the area whose premises are not situated on the district.

The retailers, in general, are shop-keepers who sell sterilised milk only and no samples were taken during the year due to the fact that the milk sold in the district is sampled by adjacent authorities where the milk is bottled.

No. of visits under Public Health Acts

No. of Houses inspected.....	163
No. of other premises inspected.....	1,409
No. of re-inspections.....	306
No. of nuisances found.....	37
No. of nuisances abated.....	34
No. of informal notices served.....	18
No. of informal notices complied with.....	18
No. of statutory notices served.....	---
No. of statutory notices complied with.....	---
No. of inspections of caravans.....	143
No. of visits - refuse disposal.....	18
No. of inquiries in case of infectious disease.....	32
No. of visits re: disinfection.....	4
No. of water samples taken.....	44

The following work was carried out following inspection

EXTERNAL

Drains cleared.....	8
Drains repaired.....	2
Gutters cleared.....	1
Inspection covers repaired.....	2
Inspection cover replaced.....	1
Roofs repaired.....	1
Sewers cleared.....	1
Waste pipe improved.....	1
Water pipes repaired.....	2

INTERNAL

Ceilings repaired.....	1
Walls repaired.....	2
W.C. pan repaired.....	1
Windows repaired.....	4

RENT ACT, 1957

No applications were received for Certificates of Disrepair under the provisions of this Act.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

From the 1st July, 1970 when the Health Department first became responsible for improvement and standard grants, until the end of the year the following applications were received and dealt with.

Applications for Standard grants received.....	29
Applications for Improvement grants received.....	4
Applications for Standard grants approved.....	23
Applications for Improvement grants approved.....	1
Applications for Improvement grants not approved.....	2

HOUSING ACTS 1957/1961

During the year the following action was taken under the Housing Acts:-

No. of Houses reported to Committee.....	6
No. of Demolition Orders made.....	10
No. of Undertakings given.....	4
No. of Houses made fit and undertakings cancelled.....	1

A total of 34 dwellings were demolished in the district during 1970, 19 as a result of slum clearance, 7 for redevelopment, and 8 voluntarily by owners.

No. of Houses inspected.....	129
No. of re-inspections.....	326
No. of Houses visited for overcrowding.....	3
No. of miscellaneous housing visits.....	26

Filthy or verminous premises

No. of Houses inspected.....	40
No. of re-visits.....	12

SHOPS ACT, 1950

There are 223 shops in the area and during the year 157 inspections were made in connection with arrangements for the health and comfort of shop workers, general cleanliness and, under delegated powers, Sunday trading, early closing and closing hours.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

563 visits were made to premises where food is sold or prepared for sale including 99 visits to the one slaughterhouse for the purpose of meat inspection, the table on page 24 gives the number of animals slaughtered and the percentage of diseased conditions.

MEAT INSPECTION

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	214	-	4	528	828	-
Number inspected	214	-	4	528	828	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	4	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	41	-	-	18	55	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis or Cysticerci	19.15%	-	-	4.16%	6.64%	-
<u>Tuberculosis only:-</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	7	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	.84%	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

FOOD CONDEMNED

SLAUGHTERHOUSE

Bovine

31	Livers	Distomatosis
9	Livers	Abscesses
3	Livers	Peritonitis
2	Livers	Cirrhosis
1	Heart	Pericarditis

Pigs

18	Hearts	Pericarditis
7	Lungs	Pneumonia
2	Lungs	Pleurisy
11	Livers	Parasites
1	Lung	Congestion
7	Heads & Tongues	Tuberculosis
1	Heart	Peritonitis
1	Liver	Peritonitis
3	Livers	Adhesions
1	Liver	Cirrhosis
2	Livers	Parasites
1	Pluck	Peritonitis

Sheep

3	Whole carcass	Bruising
1	Whole carcass	Oedematous
9	Heads	Bruising
8	Livers	Distomatosis
1	Hindquarters	Bruising
9	Lungs	Congestion

FOOD CONDEMNED

SHOPS

81½-lbs.	Hind Quarter Beef	Bone taint	
56 -lbs.	Milk Powder	Mould growth	
67 -lbs.	Capons	Decomposition	
1½-lbs.	Chocolate	Rat contamination	
3	Cream sponges	Decomposition	) Failure of frozen food cabinets
11	Gateaux	"	
5 pkts.	Eclairs	"	
4 pkts.	Corn on the Cob	"	
68 pkts.	Brussel sprouts	"	
168 pkts.	Peas	"	
116 pkts.	Beans	"	
14 pkts.	Broad Beans	"	
28 pkts.	Mixed Vegetables	"	
6 pkts.	Spinach	"	
38 pkts.	Chips	"	
75 pkts.	Cod	"	
29 pkts.	Haddock	"	
10 pkts.	Kippers	"	
25 pkts.	Plaice	"	
34 pkts.	Fish cakes	"	
114 pkts.	Fish Fingers	"	
13 pkts.	Fish and Chips	"	
28 pkts.	Crispy Cod Fries	"	
38 pkts.	Beef, sliced etc.	"	
48 pkts.	Beefburgers	"	
42 pkts.	Steakets	"	
6	Chickens	"	
3	Chicken & Mushroom Casserole	"	
4	Shepherds Pie	"	
39 pkts.	Rissoles	"	
1 pkt.	Faggots	"	
10	Chicken dinners	"	
5	Beef dinners	"	
48	Pies	"	
36 pkts.	Pastry	"	
130	Mousse	"	
19	Fruit Juice	"	

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Rats and Mice

2,279 inspections were carried out to all classes of premises under the provisions of the above Act.

Of 829 premises found to be infested the owners of 3 premises carried out disinfestation themselves and the Rodent Officer operated for the destruction of rats and mice at the remaining 826.

Wasp nests

A total of 253 wasp nests were destroyed during the year.

PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1928

There were 86 installations licenced to store petroleum spirit during the year and the premises licenced to store carbide of calcium numbered 6.

65 inspections were made during the year.

PREScribed PARTICULARS OF THE ADMINISTRATION

OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health -
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

PREMISES (1)	Number on Register (2)	NUMBER OF		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority,.....	6	5	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced.....	65	57	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding Outworkers premises)	7	7	-	-
TOTALS	78	69	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found -

PARTICULARS (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			to H.M. Inspector (4)	by H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1.).....	1	1	1	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.).....	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.).....	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.).....	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.).....	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.7.)...					
(a) Insufficient.....	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.....	1	1	1	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.....	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).....	2	2	1	-	-
TOTALS	4	4	3	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work (1)	SECTION 133			SECTION 134		
	No. of out- workers in August list required by Section 133(1)(c) (2)	No of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in un- wholesome premises (5)	Notices Served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Wearing) Apparel) Making etc., cleaning and washing	83	-	-	-	-	-

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Details of samples taken by the County Sampling
Officers within the STROOD RURAL DISTRICT during
the year ended 31st December, 1970.

	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Milk	37	2
Butter, margarine, lard, cooking fats, cheese (including processed cheese)	4	-
Tinned meats, meat, fish, fish and meat pastes	13	2
Sugar, sugar confectionery, flour confectionery, chocolate products, cereals	22	1
Tea, coffee, cocoa, beverages, minerals, cordials	8	2
Jams, preserves, honey, jellies	5	-
Dried fruit, raw fruit, vegetables, tinned fruit and vegetables	7	-
Pickles, sauces, vinegar, condiments	8	-
Drugs, medicines	9	1
Ice Cream	1	-
Beer, wines, spirits	9	-
Miscellaneous	1	-

UNSATISFACTORY SAMPLES

Pasteurised Milk

Contained the cephalothorax of a small spider. Dairy cautioned.

Untreated Milk

Low in fat content. Follow-up sample satisfactory.

Party Pies

Affected by mould Penicillium. Retailer cautioned.

Sausage Rolls

Extensively affected by mould Penicillium. Baker cautioned.

Slimming Bread

Crust of bread affected by Penicillium growths. Baker cautioned.

Limeade (2 samples)

Contained too high a percentage of saccharin. Manufacturer cautioned.

Medicated Hot Lemon Drink

Understatement of aspirin content. Manufacturer advised.

PERSONAL HEALTH AND HOSPITAL SERVICES IN THE
AREA OF STROOD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

(Details supplied by courtesy of the
County Medical Officer, Kent County
Council and Secretary of the Medway
and Gravesend Hospital Management
Committee)

PROVISION OF PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

(Responsibility of Kent County Council under Part III of the National Health Service Act, 1946)

AMBULANCE SERVICE

The County Council is responsible for the provision of a comprehensive ambulance service throughout the County. Other than in cases of accident and emergency, no ambulance will be provided, except at the request of a doctor, hospital, or a midwife.

In cases of accident or emergency the telephone call is passed by the Post Office without delay to the ambulance station at Star Mill Lane, Chatham where it is dealt with immediately.

Ambulance Stations in the area:-

Telephone No:

Star Mill Lane, Chatham

Medway 52201/2

Coldharbour Road, Northfleet.

Gravesend 65257/8

NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS

In the case of every child born it is the duty of the father of the child, if at the time of the birth he is actually residing on the premises where the birth takes place, and of any person in attendance upon the mother at the time of, or within six hours after, the birth, to send notice of the birth within thirty-six hours, to the County Medical Officer of Health, Springfield, Maidstone. Postcards with prepaid postage for this purpose are supplied to medical practitioners, midwives, hospitals and maternity homes, upon application to the County Medical Officer, Springfield, Maidstone.

ANTE-NATAL AND POST-NATAL CLINICS

Advice and ante-natal care is given at these clinics.
Post-natal examinations are carried out at ante-natal clinics.

Clinics for Strood Rural District:

Strood	-	K.C.C. Clinic, Gun Lane,	Thursday 10am.-12noon <u>Midwives Sessions:</u> Alternate Thursdays 2 - 3pm. <u>Relaxation & Mothercraft:</u> Thursday 3.30 - 5pm.
Gravesend	-	Child Welfare Centre, 90(c), Wrotham Road, Gravesend.	1st Thursday 2 - 4pm. <u>Relaxation & Mothercraft:</u> Wednesday 2 - 4pm.
Gravesend	-	K.C.C. Clinic, 107, Rochester Road, Denton, Gravesend.	<u>Relaxation & Mothercraft:</u> Monday 7.30 - 9pm.
Gravesend	-	K.C.C. Clinic, Whinfell Way, Riverview Park Estate, Gravesend.	<u>Relaxation & Mothercraft:</u> Thursday 2 - 4pm.
Gravesend	-	K.C.C. Clinic, Whitehill Road, Kings Farm Estate, Gravesend.	<u>Relaxation & Mothercraft</u> Monday 7 - 9pm. Wednesday 2 - 4pm.

TUBERCULOSIS, SCHOOL CLINICS, DENTAL CLINICS, SPECIAL CLINICS

1. <u>Tuberculosis</u>		
13, New Road, Rochester.	-	Monday - Friday 9am. - 5pm.
<u>Telephone No:</u>		Saturday
Medway 42182		9am. - 12 noon

Tuberculosis -

Gravesend & North Kent Hospital.	-	Wednesday - general clinic
	-	Thursday morning refill clinic
<u>Telephone No:</u> Gravesend 67812		Saturday morning 9 - 11am. (children only)

2. School clinics

K.C.C. Clinic, Gun Lane, Strood.	-	1st and 3rd Thursday 9-10am. during school term
90c, Wrotham Road, Gravesend.	-	Wednesday & Friday 9 - 10am.

3. Dental (children attend by appointment except in emergencies)

Elm House, 15, New Road Avenue, Chatham.	-	Monday to Friday
Gun Lane, Strood.	-	Monday to Friday
90c, Wrotham Road, Gravesend.	-	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.

The mobile dental clinic visits schools in the area as circumstances permit.

4. Specialist (children attend by appointment)

Child Guidance

118, Maidstone Road, Chatham.	-	<u>Telephone No:</u> Medway 42098
90A, Wrotham Road, Gravesend.	-	<u>Telephone No:</u> Gravesend 62138

Ophthalmic

118, Maidstone Road, Chatham.	-	Every Monday morning Every Wednesday afternoon
Gravesend Hospital, Gravesend.	-	Tuesday mornings
90c, Wrotham Road, Gravesend.	-	Monday mornings

Speech defects

118, Maidstone Road, Chatham	-	Closed temporarily - lack of staff
90c, Wrotham Road, Gravesend	-	Daily
Marlborough Road, Gillingham	-	Daily

CHILD HEALTH CLINICS

These centres are open between 2 and 4 p.m. on the days given, except where otherwise indicated, for the purpose of giving advice on the care of infants and children under the age of five years. Certain infant foods, national dried milk and vitamin products may be obtained at these centres. Each clinic is attended by a Health Visitor, and by a Medical Officer on certain days.

Child Health Clinics for Strood Rural District -

Cliffe	-	Village Hall,	1st, 3rd & 5th Mondays
Cobham	-	The Meadow Room, The Street.	2nd Tuesdays
Cuxton	-	Social Centre, Bush Road	2nd and 4th Tuesdays (morning & afternoon)
Frindsbury Extra	-	Memorial Hall, Holly Road, Wainscott.	Thursdays
Halling	-	Church Hall, Vicarage Road.	1st and 3rd Fridays
Harvel	-	Village Hall, Harvel, Meopham.	2nd and 4th Wednesdays
Higham	-	Village Memorial Hall, School Lane.	Every Friday
High Halstow	-	Recreation Hall.	2nd and 4th Tuesdays
Hoo St. Werburgh	-	Village Hall	Wednesdays - afternoons Thursdays - mornings
Isle of Grain	-	Village Hall.	2nd and 4th Wednesdays
Meopham	-	Village Hall.	Thursdays
Shorne	-	Village Hall.	2nd and 4th Thursdays
Stoke	-	British Legion Hall.	1st and 3rd Tuesdays
Strood	-	Gun Lane.	Tuesdays and Wednesdays Thursdays 10am.- 12 noon

DOMICILIARY MIDWIFERY SERVICE

The County Council employs midwives to provide a maternity service, as and when required, in conjunction with general practitioners, and the local maternity hospitals.

The names, addresses and telephone numbers of midwives are given below:-

Cliffe Cooling	}	Vacant	
Frindsbury Extra	}	Mrs. I.M. Nokes, 130, Brompton Farm Road, Strood.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Medway 78008
Cuxton Halling	}	Mrs. J.M. Oliver, 21, Harold Road, Cuxton.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Medway 76921
Allhallows Higham High Halstow Isle of Grain St. Mary Hoo Stoke	}	Mrs. Stevens, "Mayland", Barn Street, St. Mary Hoo.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Allhallows 492
Hoo St. Werburgh	}	Miss M.C. Day, 113, Main Road, Hoo St. Werburgh.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Hoo 266
Hoo St. Werburgh	}	Miss I.E. Mullett, 39, Gill Avenue, Wainscott, Frindsbury Extra.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Medway 78556
Shorne	}	Miss E.M. Hudson, 8, Crown Green, Shorne.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Shorne 2385
Cobham Luddesdown Meopham	}	Vacant	

DISTRICT NURSING SERVICE

This County Council service provides for the attendance of nurses on persons who require nursing in their own homes or elsewhere, such as a doctor's surgery. Apart from cases of emergency and accident, patients can only be attended when the nurse has been requested to do so by a doctor.

The names, addresses and telephone numbers of district nurses are given below:-

Cliffe Cooling Frindsbury Extra Wainscott only	))))	Mrs. T.M. Morris, "Kismet", Cooling Street, Cliffe.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Cliffe 223
Higham Frindsbury Extra	))	Mrs. S. Peoples, 8, Chilton Drive, Higham.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Shorne 2309
Halling	)))	Mrs. M.G. Skinner, 1, Montgomery Cottages, Upper Halling, Halling.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Snodland 461
Allhallows High Halstow Isle of Grain St. Mary Hoo Stoke	)))))	Mrs. S. Irvine, 1, Doggets Row, Isle of Grain	<u>Telephone No:</u> Allhallows 389
Shorne	)))	Miss E.M. Hudson, 8, Crown Green, Shorne.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Shorne 2385
Cobham Luddesdown Meopham	)))	Vacant	
Cuxton	)))	Mrs. J. Lee, 8, Holly Road, Strood.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Medway 78350
Group relief:-		Mrs. E. Cheeseman, 19, Burdett Avenue, Shorne.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Shorne 2483

HEALTH VISITORS

These officers are appointed for the purpose of giving advice as to the care of young children, persons suffering from illness and expectant and nursing mothers, and as to the measures necessary to prevent the spread of certain infectious diseases.

The Health Visitors also undertake duties in connection with the School Health Service.

Health Visitors for Strood Rural District

Cobham	)	Miss J.M. Cooper,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Higham		K.C.C. Clinic,	Medway 79296
Luddesdown		Gun Lane, Strood.	
Allhallows	)		
Cliffe			
Cooling			
High Halstow		Mrs. P.C.D. Brenton	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Isle of Grain			Medway 77586
St. Mary Hoo			
Stoke			
Cuxton	)	Miss Hung-lo-Sang,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Halling		K.C.C. Clinic,	Medway 79296
		Gun Lane, Strood.	
	)	Miss M.C. Craddock,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
		K.C.C. Clinic,	Gravesend 4795
Meopham		Whitehill Road,	
		Kings Farm Estate,	
	)	Gravesend.	
	)	Miss C. James,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Shorne		K.C.C. Clinic,	Gravesend 5966
		107, Rochester Road,	
		Gravesend.	
Hoo St. Werburgh	)	Miss J. Bryant,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
less Chattenden		K.C.C. Clinic,	Medway 79296
		Gun Lane, Strood.	
Chattenden	)	Miss E.M. Bucknall,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Wainscott		K.C.C. Clinic,	Medway 79296
Frindsbury Extra		Gun Lane, Strood.	

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX AND POLIOMYELITIS AND
IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH AND TETANUS

All medical practitioners have been invited to participate in the scheme which gives free vaccination against poliomyelitis and smallpox and immunisation against diphtheria, whooping-cough and tetanus. These services are also available at child health clinics during the normal child health sessions.

Vaccines for protection against smallpox, poliomyelitis, diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis and diphtheria/tetanus, measles and rubella are supplied by the Health Department, Springfield, Maidstone (Telephone No. Maidstone 54371).

NURSING REQUISITES

Requests for the loan of nursing requisites should be made to the Principal Welfare Officer. Some small items are available from the Medical Loan Depots of the British Red Cross Society as shown below:-

Rochester	-	British Red Cross Society, 67, High Street, Rochester. Daily (except Wednesday) from 10.30a.m. - 12.30p.m. and 2.30p.m. - 4.30p.m.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Medway 42997
Gravesend	-	British Red Cross Society, 36, Pelham Road, Gravesend. Tuesday to Friday 3p.m. - 4p.m.	

Bed and bedding can be supplied to patients on the recommendation of a doctor. The recommendation should be sent to the County Medical Officer, Springfield, Maidstone.

CHIROPODY

Chiropody for the physically handicapped, old people and expectant mothers as follows:-

Welfare Centre, Wayfield Road, Chatham.	-	by appointment (Wednesday morning only)
K.C.C. Clinic, Gun Lane, Strood.	-	by appointment (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

Chiropody - continued

Elm House, 15 New Road Avenue, - by appointment
Chatham. (Tuesday)

Welfare Centre, Malling Road, - by appointment
Snodland (Monday and Wednesday)

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY

Local Offices:-

Chatham Local Office, Crown House, The Brook, Chatham.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Medway 44455
5, Castle Hill, Rochester.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Medway 42237
Gravesend Local Office, "Ravenscourt", Pelham Road, Gravesend.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Gravesend 64811

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Hospitals providing services normally available to medical practitioners for residents within the Strood Rural District are as follows:-

All Saints Hospital, Magpie Hall Road, Chatham.
(Telephone No. Medway 41212-5)

Maternity, Gynaecology, E.N.T., Paediatric, Geriatric,
Infectious Diseases, Psychiatric.

Outpatient facilities are also available in the
following specialities:

Paediatrics, Orthodontic, Gynaecology, E.N.T., Ante-natal,
Psychiatry and Consultant Dentistry.

St. Bartholomew's Hospital, New Road, Rochester.
(Telephone No. Medway 41511-4)

Medical, Surgical, Paediatric.

Outpatient facilities are also available in the following
specialities:-

St. Bartholomew's Hospital - continued

Dermatology, Neurology, Physical Medicine, Rheumatology,
Ophthalmology, Plastic Surgery, Radiotherapy, Psychiatry,
General Surgery, General Medicine.

Medway Hospital, Windmill Road, Gillingham.
(Telephone No. Medway 46111)

Medical, Surgical and Orthopaedic,

Orthopaedic outpatient clinic.
Rehabilitation department with outpatient clinics in
Physical Medicine.

St. William's Hospital, St. William's Way, Rochester.
(Telephone No. Medway 43243)

Post operative and Radiotherapy.

Keycol Hill Hospital, Keycol Hill, Sittingbourne.
(Telephone No. Newington 222)

Elderly sick and diseases of the chest.

Weekly clinic for chest diseases and for
General Medicine.

Gravesend & North Kent Hospital, Bath Street, Gravesend.
(Telephone No. Gravesend 64333)

Medical, Surgical, Maternity, Gynaecology,
Paediatric, Orthopaedic.

Outpatient facilities are also available in the
following specialities:-

Dermatology, Ophthalmology, Dentistry, Psychiatry, E.N.T.,
General Medicine, General Surgery, Orthopaedics, Paediatrics,
Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Physical Medicine and Chest
Diseases.

River Hospital, Joyce Green, Dartford.
(Telephone No. Dartford 23231)

Infectious diseases.

Milton Regis Hospital, North Street, Milton Regis, Sittingbourne.
(Telephone No. Sittingbourne 3168)

Geriatric (longer stay units)

St. James Hospital, Trafalgar Road, Gravesend.
(Telephone No. Gravesend 2139)

Geriatric (longer stay units)

VENEREAL DISEASE CLINICS

36, New Road, Rochester.	Mondays 1.30pm. - 4.30pm.
Telephone No: Medway 43343	Thursdays 10am. - 1pm.
22, Cobham Street, Gravesend.	Men 11am. - 1pm. Tuesdays
	9 - 10am. Saturdays
Telephone No: Gravesend 3061	<u>Women</u> 1 - 2pm. Tuesdays
	9 - 10am. Saturdays

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<u>New Cases</u>	<u>Total</u>
Syphilis.....	2
Gonorrhoea.....	33
Non-venereal.....	128
Total attendances Strood	163
Rural patients	

